



Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management

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March, 2018

JCHSEM Quarterly Partnership Meeting

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- Stephen S. Allen, Director
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- Brandon C. Vallee, Administrative Assistant, Public Information Officer and Volunteer Coordinator

JCHSEM Quarterly Partnership Meeting to be held on Friday, April 27 at noon at the Alfredo's Mediterranean Grille and Steak House in Charles Town. Alfredo's is located on 741 E. Washington Street in Charles Town, WV 25414.

The cost for lunch is \$12.00 per a person (not including gratuity), payable to the restaurant by cash or credit. The menu will be served buffet style and includes:

Hummus; Shirazi Salad; Pita; Greek Olives and Feta Cheese; Greek Salad; Chicken Kabobs; Basmati Rice; Mediterranean Pasta (vegetarian); and Drinks (Pepsi products, Persian Mint Tea, Hot Tea, Coffee, or Water).

You must pre-register to attend this event prior to April 23rd. Due to the nature of this event, the registration is limited to the first 50 people who sign up. You may register by going to Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jchsem-quarterly-partnership-luncheon-april-2018-tickets-44887683269>

If you need assistance with your registration, contact Brandon Vallee at 304-724-8914 or by email him at bvallee@jeffersoncountywv.org. Attendees should begin to arrive at 11:45 a.m. for a Noon start time.

Our speaker for this event will be Ed Hannon, Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency, talking about the new "Stop the Bleed Campaign" and how the public can assist first responders before they respond to a traumatic injury call. More information can be found on page 2 and 3 of the newsletter. **This presentation will include graphic material and we advise that you dress appropriately for hands on activities.**

Bottom: Allen Keyser presenting at the October 2017 Partnership Meeting.

Bottom Right: John Sherwood presents at the April 2017 Partnership Meeting.

Right: Participants of the July 2017 Partnership Meeting.



Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency Stop the Bleed Campaign

Background:

Motivated by the 2012 tragedy in Sandy Hook and multiple tragedies that have occurred in the ensuing years, what has become known as the Hartford Consensus has convened to bring together leaders from law enforcement, the federal government, and the medical community to improve survivability from manmade or natural mass casualty events. The resulting injuries from these events general present with severe bleeding which, if left unattended, can result in death. The participants of the Hartford Consensus concluded that by providing first responders (law enforcement) and civilian bystanders the skills and basic tools to stop uncontrolled bleeding in an emergency situation, lives would be saved. The first responder program has received very good response and is widely being used across the country. The next step is to focus on needs to civilian bystanders.

Need:

Civilians need basic training in bleeding control principles so they are able to provide immediate, frontline aid until first responders are able to take over care of an injured person. Due to many situations, there may be a delay between the time of injury and the time a first responder is on the scene. Without civilian intervention in these circumstances, preventable deaths will occur.

Mission/Objectives:

The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma is leading the effort to save lives by teaching the civilian population to provide vital initial response to stop uncontrolled bleeding in emergency situations. This will be accomplished by the development of a comprehensive and sustainable bleeding control education and information program targeted to civilians that will inform, educate, and empower the 300+ million citizens of the United States.

Jefferson County, WV

This campaign will be spearheaded by the Jefferson County ESA. It was proclaimed by the Jefferson County Commission that on March 31st, the "Stop the Bleed" Campaign will be kicked off and this valuable education will start being taught in Jefferson County to school teachers, public officials, and interested members of the community.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency ("JCESA") and Jefferson Medical Center ("JMC") are committed to broadening service in our community and lifelong educational learning;

Whereas, trauma is the leading cause of death for individuals under the age of 46;

Whereas, working with the private sector and nonprofit organizations, the "Stop the Bleed" campaign will put knowledge gained by first responders and our military, into the hands of the public to help save lives;

Whereas, no matter how rapid the arrival of trained emergency responders, bystanders will always be first on the scene;

Whereas, uncontrolled bleeding injuries can result from natural and manmade disasters and from everyday accidents. If this bleeding is severe, it can kill within minutes, potentially before trained responders can arrive;

Whereas, providing bystanders with basic tools and information on the simple steps they can take in an emergency situation to stop life threatening bleeding can save lives. Research has shown that bystanders, with little or no medical training, can become heroic lifesavers;

Whereas, similar to the use of CPR or automatic defibrillators, improving public awareness about how to stop severe bleeding and expanding personal and public access to Bleeding Control Kits can be the difference between life and death for an injured person;

Whereas, our community preparedness is the shared responsibility of all levels of government, the private and non-profit sectors, and individual citizens. The goal of this initiative, is to build community resilience by empowering the general public to be aware of the simple steps that can be taken to stop or slow life threatening bleeding, and to promote the general public's access to Bleeding Control Kits in public spaces, while they travel, and in the home;

Whereas, this comprehensive and sustainable bleeding control education and information program will educate and empower the citizens of Jefferson County to save lives in an emergency situations;

Whereas, in partnership with the American College of Surgeons Committee, we pledge that our purpose of education will provide teachers and individuals the basic training in bleeding control principles so they are able to provide immediate, frontline aid until first responders arrive;

Be It Known that the County Commission of Jefferson County hereby proclaims March 31, 2018 as the "Stop the Bleed" Campaign Kick Off.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Given under our Hand and Seal.


Joshua Compton
President, County Commission of Jefferson County



SAVE A LIFE



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS
*Inspiring Quality:
Highest Standards, Better Outcomes*

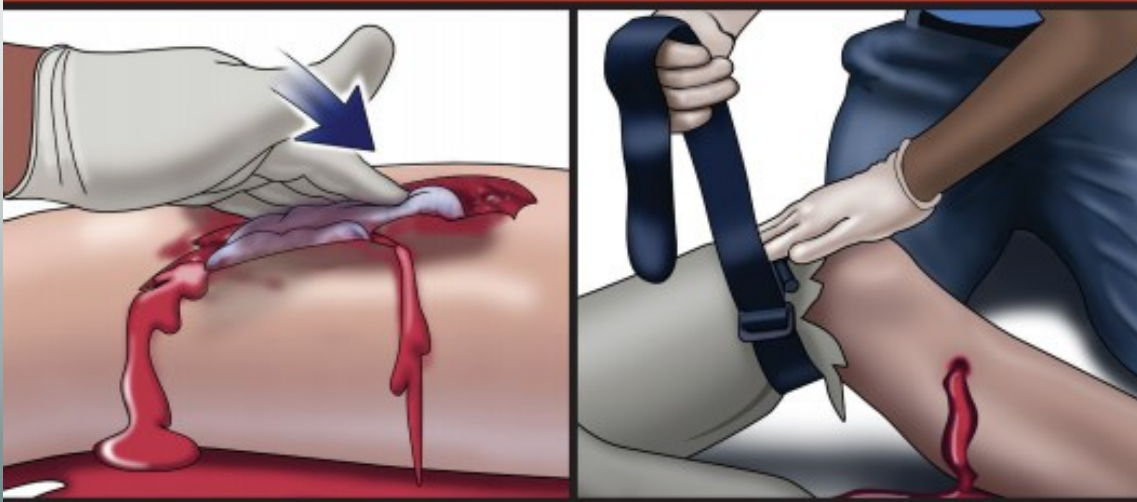


THE
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What Everyone Should Know to Stop Bleeding After an Injury



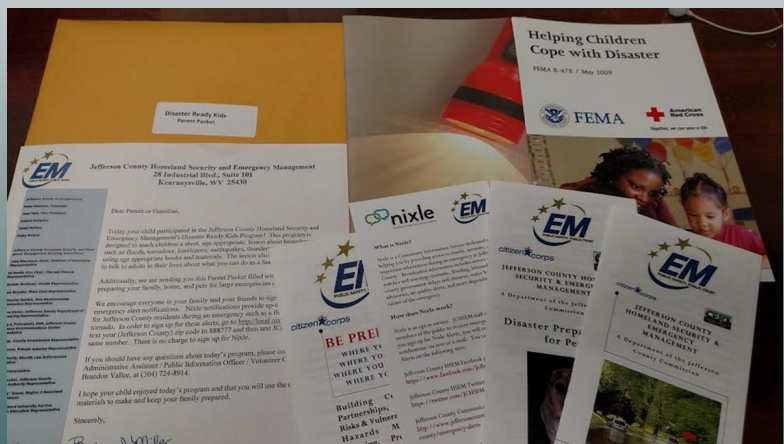
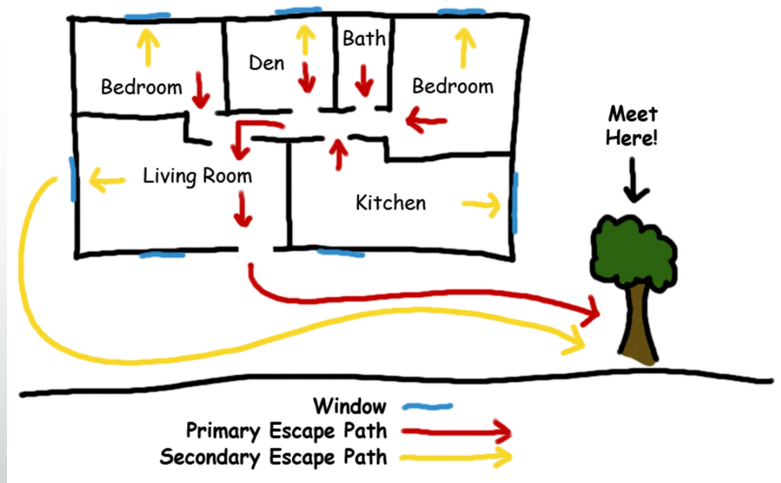
2018 Disaster Ready Kids Program

Do you have summer children’s programs that you are looking for activities and/or readers for? We can help! Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management is once again sponsoring the Disaster Ready Kids Program for 2018.

This year we will be utilizing the “Mimi Mouse Learns to Prepare for Emergencies” DVD and accompanying materials. The Mimi Mouse program is designed for 4-7 year olds and provides general tips for parents on how to talk about emergencies, teaches children what an emergency kit is and how to build one, informs children about who to contact during an emergency, and how to review and practice for the family’s emergency plan.

If your group of children is over the age of 8, we can have a preparedness presentation, show them how to put together a Family Disaster Kit, or work together to develop a unique lesson plan based on your needs. Our staff will come to your facility, present the chosen materials, and begin encouraging everyone to start thinking about emergencies in a positive and interactive way. The only requirements are that you have adults there to be responsible for the children while the activities are taking place, that you let us know how many children to prepare for (estimate), and that you work with us to schedule a time that works well for both organizations.

There is no cost to participate in this program. We are scheduling for the 2018 summer season from May 1 until September 30, 2018. If you have questions, please contact Brandon Vallee at (304) 724-8914 or email to bvallee@jeffersoncountywv.org as soon as possible. If you would like to schedule a session, please ask Brandon to send you the list of available programs and the form to set up your session. We do need at least a two-week notice to schedule your activity.



Top: Mimi Mouse Learns to Prepare for Emergencies! materials
Top Right: We can assist with helping families and classes develop emergency plans.
Right: A sample Parent Packet that goes home with every child to start planning.

Sign Up to Receive Nixle Alerts!



Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management uses NIXLE Alerts to send emergency alert notifications by text, e-mail, Facebook and Twitter. We send out weather watches and warnings, as well as Emergency Public Information during disasters. Examples include tornado, flood, severe snowstorm, and severe thunderstorm watches, warnings, advisories, and emergencies, as well as, where emergency shelters are located, where commodities can be obtained, etc. Signing up is easy and its FREE! To sign up, go to <http://local.nixle.com/register> or text your zip code to 888777 and then text JCHSEM to the same number.

In addition to NIXLE, we still use traditional media, such as newspapers, TV, and radio, however, receiving NIXLE alerts on your phone is the fastest way to receive emergency public information. Make sure that everyone in your family that has a phone, receives our emergency alerts in case that you are not together when a disaster happens. Make receiving NIXLE Alerts a part of your family's communication plan. If you have questions about NIXLE Alerts, you can go to www.nixle.com and click on "resident". You can always call our office if you have local questions or need assistance with getting registered.

April 15-21 is National Volunteer Week

Volunteers play an essential role in emergency management operations in Jefferson County and across the county. Whether it is assisting one displaced family, shoveling snow, fighting fires, providing comfort to those who are ill or injured, or answering phone calls in our Emergency Operations Center, volunteers have played a substantial role in ensuring that Jefferson County is prepared for all measure of disasters. National Volunteer Week is one of the many ways we would like to honor every volunteer and say thank you for their service to the community.



Clair Brendel, American Red Cross; and Michele Goldman, JC COAD; discuss volunteering during a full scale exercise

Volunteering Facts:

- National Volunteer Week in the United States was first established via Presidential Proclamation 4288, signed by President Richard Nixon in 1974.
- Scientific studies have shown that individuals who volunteer enjoy psychological and physical benefits including increased satisfaction, improved sense of belonging, lower blood pressure, increased protection from Alzheimer's and decreased mortality.
- Volunteering is an excellent way to fill empty spaces on your resume and provide valuable life long knowledge and skills. Studies have shown that individuals who have volunteered are more likely to be hired over those who have never volunteered.
- Approximately 25 % of U.S. Citizens volunteer and on average volunteer for at least 40 hours per a year.

If you are interested in volunteering opportunities in Jefferson County, please contact Brandon Vallee at bvallee@jeffersoncountywv.org for more information.

Jefferson County All Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee Update



Amy Heimberger taking notes as from the committee on March 27.

On Tuesday, March 27 at 1100 hours JCHSEM held the second meeting to continue working on the Jefferson County All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

The purpose of this plan is to better prepare Jefferson County to become more disaster resistant to natural and technological hazard events such as flooding, severe winter storms, and hazardous materials incidents. The plan is based on a hazard risk assessment, policies, and the development of mitigation goals (for the county, utilities, each municipality, etc.), objectives and strategies, as well as actions that can be taken to attain and maintain sustainability and disaster resiliency.

Development of this plan provides eligibility for future mitigation funds for Jefferson County and its citizens. Public participation in the development of

the All Hazards Mitigation Plan is essential to ensuring the safety and security of all those who work, live, and travel to Jefferson County.

During the first meeting the committee spoke about the changing priorities of the plan and set the overall mitigation goals for the plan, ones that the committee will strive to achieve through our mitigation projects. The committee discussed involving the public via online survey. The second meeting focused on reviewing and updating the hazards that affect Jefferson County.

The next meeting of the Jefferson County All Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee will be on Wednesday, April 18, at 1100 hours at the Jefferson County Maintenance Department Meeting Room. During this meeting, the committee will be discussing the following topics:

- Integration of existing plans into the hazard mitigation plan and vice versa
- New projects (each incorporated jurisdiction must have at minimum two projects)
- Plan maintenance process for the next five years.

Registration for the meeting is requested. If you or your organization is interested in contributing to the development of this plan, please contact Stephen Allen at: sallen@jeffersoncountywv.org or Amy Heimberger from JH Consulting, LLC at: aheimberger@jhpreparedness.com for more information.



Food from the March 27th meeting was provided by Ortega's Taco Shop in Ranson, WV.

Need Training?

Emergency Management is a constantly-changing field. While we all strive to keep up with the latest technology, the best ways to work with stakeholders to develop plans, how to conduct successful floodplain management, performing damage assessments, how to handle the debris after a disaster, help our communities to recover, or just learning the fundamentals, there are plenty of options available to you. Here are some great opportunities for training that you may or may not know about:

West Virginia Military Affairs and Public Safety's Training Center, CourseMill. If you are involved in emergency management in West Virginia, you can set up your free account at <http://www.onlinelearning.wv.gov/dmapscm6/home.html>

Once you set up your account, you can log on and look at the list of available courses being taught in West Virginia. Current courses include the Basics of Floodplain Management, HazMat Highway Containers in a Tunnel Specialist, Search and Rescue in Community Disasters, Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and HealthCare Organizations within the Community Infrastructure; National Emergency Management Basic Academy Train the Trainer; Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts, and Rail Care Incident Response for Crude, Ethanol and Other Flammable Liquids-Rail Car Response. The courses are always changing, so check back often.

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute's URL is <https://training.fema.gov/emi.aspx>. From this training portal, anyone can take their online independent study courses for free. There are over 100 courses to choose from. You can also browse the schedules and information about their on-campus resident courses for those who are involved in emergency management at the federal, state, local or tribal governments.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Here is a listing of upcoming state sponsored training opportunities. These courses are free to attend however registration is required to attend.

On April 16 to April 20, there will be a L-0967 All Hazards Specific Logistics Chief Course at the Days Inn in Flatwoods, WV.

On May 1, there will be a MGT-347: ICS Forms Overview at Blackwater Falls State Park.

On May 1 to May 3, there will be an ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents course at Blackwater Falls State Park.

On May 17, there will be a L-273 Basics of Floodplain Management course at Hardy County 911 Center.

On June 12 to June 13, there will be a MGT-385 Community Cyber Security Exercise Planning course at Canaan Valley Resort.

To Register for these FREE Classes, go to: <http://www.onlinelearning.wv.gov/dmapscm6>

For questions about the course or registration, contact Gregory.c.fernley@wv.gov or call 304-558-5380

Disaster Exercises, 2018

WV Homeland Security Region III (WVHSR3) Table Top Exercise for the 2018 Exercise Series will be held Potomac State College in Keyser, WV on April 24, 2018. Representatives from all counties in WVHSR3 and Western Maryland Partners will be in attendance.

- 2017 WV Homeland Security Region 3, AAR/IP Meeting.....Completed
- 2018 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Tabletop Exercise.....April 24, 2018
- 2018 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Functional Exercise.....TBA
- 2018 WV State Emergency Response Commission TTX.....TBA
- 2018 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Full Scale Exercise.....TBA
- 2018 WV Homeland Security Region 3, AAR/IP Meeting.....TBA

An effective exercise program is an essential component of our preparedness as it validates plans, tests operational capabilities, maintains leadership effectiveness, and examines ways to utilize the whole community. Exercise program management involves a collaborative approach that integrates resources, organizations, and individuals in order to identify and achieve program priorities.



Left: 2017 Functional Exercise. Right: 2017 Full Scale Exercise

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management-Committees

Steering Committee, John Sherwood, Chair

The Steering Committee works with the JCHSEM Director to guide the activities of JCHSEM. A fourteen-member Steering Committee is made up of public and private representation. JCHSEM is a Department within the Jefferson County Commission, who has overall responsibility for the department and its employees. The Jefferson County Commission appoints all members to the steering committee. This committee meets following the Quarterly Partnership Luncheons held in January, April, July, and October and meetings are scheduled as needed. Please call the office for exact dates and times.

Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee, Paula Marrone-Reese, Chair

Any interested person can serve on this committee. The Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee is responsible to communicate the organization's activities to the public and to build support for JCHSEM's programs. They work with the Director and other staff to keep the entire community focused on the objectives of JCHSEM, the opportunities for additional involvement and support by updating citizens and businesses about what the partners are doing and how the community will and is benefiting from these efforts. Additionally, they are responsible to assist the program manager in setting up speaking engagements and public awareness events. This committee meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the at 0830 in the EOC at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, unless otherwise announced.

All Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee, Mason Carter, Chair

Any interested person may serve on this committee. The All Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee examine the community's risks and vulnerability to all hazards and assess the community's vulnerability to those risks. An All Hazards Mitigation Plan was completed and adopted by the Jefferson County Commission, all Jefferson County municipalities, WVHSEM, and Federal Emergency Management Agency in July, 2003. The plan was updated in 2008 and 2013. The 2013 Plan was approved by WVDHSEM and FEMA in June, 2013. This committee meets has begun work on the 2018 Plan and will meet as needed until the plan's completion in June 2018. Please call the office for exact dates and times.

Counter Terrorism Committee, Stephen Allen, Director, Chair

Membership to this sub-committee of the Risk Assessment and Mitigation Planning Committee is limited to members of law enforcement, emergency management, homeland security, emergency communications, Red Cross, schools, health care, fire companies, ambulance authority/EMS, and government, due to sensitive homeland security issues. The committee works on issues of planning and training for counter terrorism or human-caused disasters. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the EOC at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, unless otherwise announced.

If you are interested in joining any of our committees, contact Stephen Allen at sallen@jeffersoncountywv.org or Brandon Vallee at bvallee@jeffersoncountywv.org

Times, dates, places may need to be changed due to inclement weather, scheduling conflicts or EOC activation. If you have questions, call the JCHSEM office.

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The Jefferson County Commission's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department is responsible for the coordination of preparedness, planning, response, recovery and mitigation of disasters and large emergencies in Jefferson County, West Virginia. Volunteer and community participation is encouraged and welcome. We currently have committees on All Hazards Mitigation Planning; Public Awareness, Education and Training; Counter Terrorism; and a Steering Committee that acts as an advisory group.

We are responsible for the Citizen Corps/CERT, StormReady, Community Rating System, Resilient Neighbor Network and Project Impact programs. JCHSEM is also responsible for the Jefferson County R.A.C.E.S group.

PUBLIC SAFETY; PUBLIC TRUST



Meetings & Events

April Meetings

05 - Ham Radio Night

10 - Counter Terrorism Committee at Jefferson County EOC at 1400 hours

11 - EMPG Workshop at the WV National Guard Armory in Moorefield, WV at 0900 hours

18 - Jefferson County LEPC Meeting at IHOP in Charles Town at 0730 hours

18 - Jefferson County All Hazards Mitigation Planning Meeting at Jefferson County Maintenance Department Meeting Room at 1100 hours

24 - West Virginia Homeland Security Region 3 Table Top Exercise at Potomac State University at 0900 hours

27 - Quarterly Partnership Luncheon at 1200 hours.

27 - JCHSEM Steering Committee Meeting immediately following the Quarterly Partnership Luncheon

** Sterling National Weather Service Calls every Monday at 9:00 a.m.*

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